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File No. L. C. 12/46

P. W. DEPARTMENT

El. BRANCH

Subject:— Electric Energy

Supply of — from the Gersappa

jog falls to the North Canara

District for Miscellaneous

Industries and Agriculture.

Q. No. 172 by Mr. M. G. Gopi, M.L.C.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE :

No. 172/138

Council Hall,
Bombay, 6th March 1947

To

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Public Works Department, Bombay.

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M.G.Gopi, Esquire

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(e) whether it is a fact that the District Rural Development Board, the District Congress Committee and the public in general have been making repeated requests to Government not to ignore the legitimate claims of Kanara on the Electric energy from the Jog Falls, since the only hope for economic betterment of that most neglected district of North Kanara lies in obtaining the same?

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El. Br (I). P.W.D.

Submitted.

2. clause (a) p 3 :— The S.O. (H. Grid) is investigating the most advantageous method of utilising the power from the Jog Falls in the southern part of the Province. Recently the S.O. has confirmed that the supply is not within economic transmission distance of our chief load centres viz, Hubli and Dharwar and that he is considering the feasibility of taking supply from the Haribar sub-station for feeding the south-easterly towns in the Dharwar Dist. His recommendations in the matter are awaited - vide proceedings on pp 9-10 of file no 2004/36/10321 put up below. The reply to this clause may perhaps be as follows :—

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"The question is still under the investigation of the S.O. (H. Grid)."

3. clauses (b) and (d) p 3 : The replies to these clauses may be given in the appropriate after U.O.N. by the R.C.D.

4. clause (c) p 3 :— The reply to this clause may also be given in the appropriate after U.O.N. by the C.D.

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5. clause (c) of para 3 :- Representations
refd to have been recd
recently and they are being
dealt with separately. The
reply may be
"yes; the representations are
under the consideration of
Govt"

A copy of one of these representations
attached at the commencement
for information. They have been made
in view of the reply recently given
to Mr S.P. Pandit, Member, Reconstn
sub-committee Icaman in G.I. No 2004/36 EL(I)
on the 21-1-47.

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Why?

Serial No 1.1/3/47 D.S.

V. urgent.

U.O. to Tr. C.D. and G.D. dt 13-3-47

Seen and passed on vide G.D. through R.D. as
Clause (b) of the question is mainly
for R.D.

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Jr. Secy

U.O. to A+B dt. 12-3-47

Rev. Deptt.

Answer to clause (b) of the question may be in the affirmative as proposed by the P.W.D.

2. The papers may be posted on w.o. to the G.D.

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w.o.v to the G.D dated 20th March 1947

Please see the reply to the Secretary's remarks in the last para.

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by Bar will see as regards numbers.

The G Bar.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT
File No. P.W.D. C.C. 12/47
G 24.3.47
Serial No 1130

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General Deptt.

These papers have been referred w.o. to this Deptt with reference to cl. (c) of the question within. The Director of Industries may first be requested c.o. to offer his remarks with reference to the reply proposed by the P.W.D. to that clause.

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A.V.(E)
Immediate

w.o.v. to Dir. of Ind.

29/3/47

D.S.
Issue w.o.v. to Dir. of Ind. immediately (Today)
25-3-47

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Industrial Research [illegible]
Department of Ind[illegible]
Inward No 419
Date 10/4/47

Below U.O.R. dated 29th March 1947, from the General Department, Bombay.

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Industries Department.

Returned with compliments.

2. This Department agrees with the draft answer proposed by the Public Works Department to Clause (c) of Question No.172*.

U.O.R.NO.Gen.348/ 1671

Bombay, 9th May, 1947.

To

The Jt.Secy.to Govt.,
E. & I. Deptt.,
Bombay.

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P.T.O.

Educn & Ind. Deptt.

Submitted with reference to the office note dated 28.3.47. P.7

2. The Dir. of Industries agrees with the reply to clause (c) of the question, "viz: yes", proposed by the P.W.D. These papers may now be returned to the P.W.D.

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NSP 21/5/47.

Ltr to PWD dt 24.5.47

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Dy No 2115

P. W. D.
File No. C.C 12/46
Serial No. 22503

EC 26-5-47

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DS for similar work in/ours. SM 24/5

I.C. 12/46.

El. Br.

P.W.D.

File No. I.C. 12/46-El. reg. # El. Supply to Kanara Dist. from Jog Falls was rejd. u.o. to the R.C.D and G.D. in succession on 13-3-47. As the file is not yet recd. back those Depts have been expedited on 7th April 47.

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El. Br.

The R.C.A. + the Education + Industries Deptt. again expedited on under No. L.C.12/46-I/ & the 10th May 1947.

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Issued 10-5-47

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El.Bch. Public Works Deptt.

Submitted with reference to the office note dated the 12-8-47.

2. The R.D. and the Edcn.& Industries Deptt. agree to the replies to clauses (b), (c) and (d) being given in the affirmative.

3. As regards clauses (a) and (e) Govt. has since issued a press note indicating the results of the investigations carried out by the Grid Deptt. and the steps Govt. has decided to take in the matter. The appoint ment of an officer on Special duty to study the industria potentiality of the area is under consideration in the Edn. and Industries Deptt. Pending the receipt of this Spl.Officer's report, under instructions from the H.M., P.W.D., Dr.Ram Prasad of the Grid Deptt. has very recently visited the South of the Province in connection with the existing loads and the possibility of supplying Jog power in that connection. His report is awaited.

4. As regards the representations referred to in clause (e) it is noted for information that the attention of the various parties has been drawn to the press note referred to above.

5. The draft reply put up for approval and submission may issue, if approved.

The proposed answers may be approved.

P.S. Dr. Ram Prasad's report is available

Supply of Electric energy from the Gersappa Jog Falls to the North Kanara District.

Mr.M.G.Gopi (Dharwar and oum Kanara).

The Hon.Dr.M.D.D.Gilder.

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(a) whether it is a fact that the Electrical Department of the Government of Bombay has decided to divert the Electric Energy from the Gersappa Jog Falls to the Dharwar District;

(a) No. The whole question is under investigation. The attention of the Hon.Member is drawn to the press note issued in the matter in April 1947 a copy of which is placed on the Council table.

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that the North Kanara District, which is purely a forest District, having 85% of forests, possesses vast natural resources in its forests, rivers and even in its mineral deposits;

(b) Yes.

(c) whether Government is also aware that Bamboo-pulp, paper, matches, rayon, ply-wood, caustic soda and other industries can be easily and successfully organised on a large scale in North Kanara, if electric energy is supplied, and that Kanara is not wanting in intelligence, technical skill and initiative;

(c) Yes.

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(d) Yes.

(e) whether it is a fact that the District Rural Development Board, the District Congress Committee and the public in general have been making repeated requests to Government not to ignore the legitimate claims of Kanara on the Electric energy from the Jog Falls, since the only hope for economic betterment of that most neglected district of North Kanara lies in obtaining the same?

(e) Yes.

No

N/A to date

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No.L.C.12/46-El:
Public Works Deptt.,
B.C., May ~~1947~~ March Febr 1948

Forwarded to the Secy.to the Bombay Leg.Council, with reference to his letter No.Q/172/138, dated the 6th March 1947.

2. A copy of the press note referred to in clause (a) above has already been forwarded to him with Govt.Endt. No.2004/36-El., dated the 19-4-47. Another copy is however enclosed.

By order of the Govr.of Bombay,

D.A.,-Copy of press note.

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Pl. Br. P.W.D.

Resubmitted with reference to the H. M.'s orders on p 13. ante.

2. The Sl. Commr submitted Dr. Ram Prasad's report in the 3rd week of Aug 1947. It has been submitted to the H. M. on the 3rd inst with this Debtts comments thereon. It is presumed that the reply to the question is to be held over till a decision is taken on Dr. Ram Prasad's report. The papers may be submitted to the H.M with reference to this presumption

5/9/47

Under file no 2004/31/35963

D.S (PER) 28/10/47

H.M. P.W.D.

The prescription is correct 6/9/47

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List of Council questions sent to Government till the close of the last Council Session on 7th November 1947 replies to which have not been received.

Serial No.	Question No.	Name of Member.	Date on which sent to Government.	Department.
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10	172	Mr. M. G. Gopi.	6-3-47	Public Works Department.
x		x		x

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No. 3718.
Bombay Legislature Department,
Council Hall,
Bombay, 12th/17th December 1947.

Forwarded to all Departments of the Secretariat (except Separate Department) for information and necessary action.

2. In this connection attention is invited to rule 57(1) of the Bombay Legislative Council Rules which lays down that the reply to any question shall not be unduly delayed.

Sd/- S. K. Sheode,

Secretary to the Bombay Legislature Department.

Extract para. 6 of the O.N. dated the 7-1-48, from file No. S.88/2/54013-El.

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6. El. Br. is concerned with question No. 172 of Mr. M. G. Gopi - S.No. 10 of the list. The reply to the question is held over with the approval of the H.M., P.W.D., till a decision is taken on Dr. Ram Prasad's report re: the utilisation of Jog Power. The decision refd. to is yet awaited. 16

Extract para. 2 of the Snr. Asstt. Secy.'s note dated 12-1-1948.

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2. Should not some reply to the Secy., Bombay Legislature Deptt., be given as regards Question No. 172 ? He will be reminding us again after some time.

Extract....

Extract para. 3 of the O.N. dated the 19-1-48 on Electrical Branch file No.S.88/2/54013.

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3. Re: para. 2 of the S.A.Secy.'s note, dated the 12-1-48, we may perhaps inform the Bombay Legislature Deptt. that reply to question No.172 has been held over pending the decision of Govt. on the utilisation of power from the Jog.Falls. At the same time, relevant extracts from these papers may be put up with file No.L.C.12/46, dealing with the question and fresh orders of H.M. may be obtained for withholding the reply to the question till the decision refd. to is taken.

I agree as in para.3 above.

2. W.B. should expedite the Commr., C.D., with ref. to Question No.306.

Id. J.M.D.
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A.A.S.

Id.S.V.I.
20/1/48
J.A.S.

Yes.

Id.D.N.D.
20/1/48
S.A.S.

GJP.
10/2/48

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Letter.

No.S.88/2/54013-El. Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle, 10th February 1948.

To

The Secretary to the Bombay Legislature Department,
Bombay.

Subject: List of Council Questions sent to Government till the close of the last Council Session on 7th November 1947 replies to which have not been received.

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Reference: Your memorandum No.3718, dated the 12th/17th December 1947 on the above subject.

2. The reply to Question No.172 of Mr. M. G. Gopi, M.L.C., has been held over pending the decision of Government on the utilisation of power from the Jog Falls.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

Sd G M Dave,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

D.A.- Nil.

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GJP.
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El.Br. P.W.D.

Submitted.

2. These papers deal with question No.172 by Mr. M.G.Gopi, M.L.C., reg: supply of power from Jog Falls to the North Kanara Dist. The reply to the question has been held up till a decision is taken on the Dr. Ram Prasad's report. Attention in this con. is invited to to-day's Office Note, on the linked file No.L.A.51/46. It is presumed that the reply to the question in this file is also still to be held over till a decision is taken on the utilisation of Jog power.

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In this case also, I think that an "interim reply shd be given, say as at page 14.

Sec(G) The reply might be amplified by the statement that an officer has been appointed on special duty to investigate the possibilities of industrial development in the Jog districts of the Karnatic vide G.R. cited.

24/2/48.

H.M.P.W.D.

H.M.P.W.D. 25/2/48

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El. Br.

P.W.D.

Resubmitted with reference to the orders overleaf.

2. An amended draft Wb 25-26 rchly is put up for approval and submn. if may issue, if approved.

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4/3/48 H.M.P.W.D.

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File S 118/Nov 1947
(GR E/97 D. No 8001
dt 11-11-47)

(a) No. Thewhole question is under investigation. The attention of the Hon.Member is drawn to the press note issued in the matter in April 1947 a copy of which is placed on the Council table. Govt. has since appointed a special officer to report on the industrial potentiality of the Districts of Dharwar, Belgaum, Karwar (North Kanara Dist.) and Bijapur covering in particular the following matters -

(1) The state of existing industries and the scope for new industries in the region.

(2) Possibilities of large scale irrign. from the Tungabhadra and other rivers.

(3) Possibilities of utilising to the maximum possible extent, the electric power which can be made available from the Jog Project.

(4) The facilities and concessions required and the steps which should be taken to establish the industries recommended and to carry out lift irrigation from the rivers.

(b) if so, whether Govt.is aware that the North Kanara Dist., which is purely a forest District, having 85% of forests,possesses vast natural resources in its forests,rivers and even in its mineral deposits;

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No. L.C.12/46-El.
P.W.D.,B.C., 12th March 1948.

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D.A.- Copy of press note.

By order of the Govr. of Bombay,

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PRESS NOTE.

Utilisation of Jog Power in the Southern area of the Province of Bombay.

A load survey of the south of this Province has revealed the following position regarding the development of loads vis-a vis the supply of power from Jog. The total existing load is only about 4,000 K.Ws. and supply of power from Jog can only be a practical proposition if this load is multiplied several times. In the Belgaum-Hubli-Gadag area conditions are generally favourable for industrial development. However, even if the load in this area develops to 16,000 K.Ws. in 10 years, it will be necessary to charge at an average rate of .87 of an anna per unit to make the scheme self-supporting. These rates are considered to be high but if lower rates are charged Government will have to bear appreciable deficits for an indefinite period. The site of the proposed Kalinadi Hydro-Electric station is much nearer to this area and it may be found that this area can be best served from Kalinadi.

3. In the Sirsi-Siddhapur area there is no scope for development of any large scale industries. Consequently there is no point in bringing power from Jog a distance of 40 miles to this area.

4. The Honavar, Kunta and Gokarn area appears to be suitable for a limited industrial development. The difficult nature of the country will necessitate long circuitous routes of transmission lines and several river and creek crossings. Energy could be supplied at .75 of an anna per unit and the scheme might be self-supporting after 10 years.

4. The Ranibennur-Byadgi-Haveri area could best be served from the Harihar Sub-station if lift irrigation and small industries develop in this area and are able to take a load of 2,300 K-Ws. The scheme would be self-supporting if the rate for energy is fixed at 1 anna per unit. With a lower rate there will be recurring deficits.

5. Government intends to take up again with the Mysore Government the question of supplying power from Jog at a cheaper rate. Cheap power by itself, even if it is immediately available, is not going to lead automatically to the establishment of industries in this area. It is necessary to study the industrial potentiality of the different parts of the area and then plan the supply of electricity accordingly. Government is contemplating the appointment of an officer with the requisite experience to study the position in detail and to review the existing industries and scope for new industries keeping in mind the availability of raw materials and the demand for the finished products. He would also examine the possibilities of large scale lift irrigation. In the meanwhile Government is also proceeding with the investigations of the Kalinadi Hydro-Electric Project.

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27. L.C. 12/46/-

O.N.
El. Br.

P. W. D.

The draft on p/o. 25-26 ante, having been issued, these papers× may now be sent to the P.A. to H.M. P. W. D. for the use of the H.M. at the time of replying to L.C. question 1.3 within.

ASS
17-3-48

× with files No. 2004/36-III and No. S-118.

To

P.A. to H.M. P.W.D.

The question having been replied, the file is returned herewith.

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El.Br. P.W.D.

Resubmitted.

2. These papers deal with question No.733 by Mr. A.G.Doddameti, M.L.A., reg: utilisation of Jog power for Karnatak. The reply to the question has been held over till a decision is taken on Dr. Ram Prasad's report.

3. The file dealing with the Report in question was recd. back from the H.M., P.W.D. on 30-1-48 with instructions that the El.Commr. may be asked to expedite the full report on the Kalinadi Project. It has accordingly been refd. to the El.Commr. with instructions to expedite the report in question with his remarks and also to submit his remarks on certai suggestions made by the Parliamentary Secy., Rev.Dep... (Mr. Patil) in his note dt. the 3-2-48. With ref. to the Kalinadi Project the El.Commr.. has since ~~instructed~~ intimated that M/s. Associated Consulting Engrs. may not be able to submit their final report till June 48. The Commr.'s letter is under submission to H.M.

+ Fil No 6314/37

A further note from the H.M., Agri. on the utilisation of Jog power recd from the H.M., P.W.D., on 13-2-48, has been sent u.o. to the El.Commr. the same day for remarks on the suggestions made therein. The El. Commr. has obtained the permission of the H.M. to submit his remarks in the matter as soon as he return to Bombay - vide proceedings in file No.2004/36/8053 put up below. It will thus be seen that no decisio has so far been taken on the utilisation of Jog power. In these circumstances it is presumed that the reply to the question is still to be held over t the decision refd. to is taken. In this connectio it is noticed for information that the question was

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recd. in June 1947. Rule 58(1) of the Bombay Leg. Assembly Rules states that the reply to any question ~~xxi~~ shall not be unduly ~~xxx~~ delayed.

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Capital Cost at 1945 rates
3½ crores. Loss in 10 yrs 76 to 124
↓
2½ to 3 as a unit for a small irrigator
original

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Capital cost at 1945 rates
365 Lakhs; 10 yrs loss 87 Lakhs
Loads hypothetical
Rates small irrigator 2½ to 3 as.

Jog + Kalmadi
760 cap. cost —— deficit in 10 yrs. 133 lakhs
Rates high in 1st few years
lower later

To

The Honourable, The Prime Minister and Ministers
to the Government of Bombay,
BOMBAY.

Subject:— Supply of Electrical Energy from the Jog Falls.....

Sir,

We, the undersigned residents of the North Kanara District, beg to submit the ollowing representation on behalf of this District.

Our District forms the southernmost part of the Bombay Presidency, being 3900 sq. miles in extent. It has a population of 4,41,137. Forests, which are a special feature, take up nearly 85% of the total area. Of the area available for cultivation namely 3,89,656 acres, only 2,00,399 are under the plough. Both population as also the cultivated area show a progressive decline, a strange thing indeed, as compared to other Districts where the tendency is the other way. Here, there are neither Railways nor important highways. Natural harbours like Karwar which at one time permitted steamers to ply all the year round, have been allowed to be silted up, so that sea communication is possible only for a part of the year. The District possesses no institution for imparting higher education, general or technical. Want of easy communications has stood in the way of the growth of industries large or small. The forest policy has been one of ruthless exploitation and inimical to man and cattle alike and has brought in its wake, ill-health, depopulation and general decay. In the above ghat talukas people live in isolated and small villages, an unhealthy and cheerless life. In the coastal areas they are ill-clad and ill-fed and remind us of famine conditions. The cattle are the poorest in the Province. In short, the whole District presents a desolate appearance. The reasons for this state of affairs are not far to seek. Government has till now utterly neglected this area, with the result that a district which possesses vast natural resources in its forests, rivers, water-falls, is the poorest in the whole Presidency. Government schemes designed for the betterment of the people have never reached this area. The woes of the people have remained unattended to all these hundred years and more. The sister District of South Kanara which is similar to ours, has made immense progress in every walk of life, thanks to the solicitude of the Madras Government. But here we have been crying out for redress, for a little help, a little sympathy. But the Government has remained deaf to our entreaties. The only thing that Government has done is to pocket the large Forest income and spend it elsewhere.

With the advent of the present Government, a new hope has arisen in our hearts. Your Government has pledged itself to put fresh life and vigour into the countryside, to devote special attention for rehabilitating rural areas and has earmarked large sums of money for this purpose. We therefore look up to you to devote special attention to this benighted District and help us to help ourselves.

The rehabilitation of this District demands three things to begin with. Railways, harbours dredged and properly built, and the supply of cheap Electrical energy. Railways are a Central Subject and we learn that your Government have already moved in this matter by asking for a high degree of priority for our requirements from the Central Government. You have been pleased to appoint a committee to investigate the question of harbours and have no doubt that the recommendations of this committee will be carried out. These will naturally take a fairly long time to materialise. But the supply of Electrical Power need not wait. Happily for us the Jog Falls project is fast nearing completion and the energy generated there will be soon available for transmission. The Jog Falls are situated in our own District and we are looking forward with great expectation for the supply of this cheap energy to our District.

The benifits of cheap Electrical Pcwer are so vast and patent that they need no mention Europe and America demonstrate the capacity of Electricity to revolutionise both Agriculture and Industries. We have a natural and preferential claim upon this energy generated in our own District.

We learn that the Electrical Department of the Government of Bombay, has decided to divert this energy to the Dharwar District, totaliy ignoring the just claims and urgent needs of our District. And this decision is attempted to be supported on three grounds viz. [1] the higher cost of laying transmission lines as the District is full of forests and communications are difficult; [2] non-existence of large scale industries and consequently [3] the absence of a demand for large quantities of electrical power.

We beg to submit that these factors certainly do not justify the diverting of the Jog Falls Energy to other districts. True it is, that forests abound in this area and that communications are difficult. But forests are considered to be a National asset and Government want to preserve them in the larger interests ef the Province, though the people of this District have to pay a heavy price for them. Communications are difficult because of the criminal neglect of the Government in this matter, till now. The people of this District are in no way responsible for these difficulties and should not be penalised on account of them. If the costs of transmission are going to be heavy because of forests, surely the rest of the Province which benefits from them, should pay for the higher costs. Government which is mainly responsible for the lack of easy communication, is not justified in using this drawback as an arguement against the poor people of this area. Even a small portion of the forest revenues collected during the last fifty years and more will suffice to meet the extra cost involved.

The arguement that electrical energy need not be supplied to this District because of the non-existance of large Scale Industries cannot be sustained. The Purushottamdas Thakurdas Committee on Economic and Industrial Survey observed in their report "The injurious effect of inadequate transport facilities can find no better illustration than the District of North Kanara which inspite of vast natural resources of raw material and power remains a backward one with a declining population." Industries can thrive only in areas where cheap power and easy transport facilities are available. Therefore the only point to be considered is whether there is scope for the organisation of large scale and cottage industries and whether the demand for power is likely to be sufficiently large. About that, there need be no doubt whatsoever. The North Kanara District possesses vast natural resources in its forests, rivers and even in its mineral deposits. Bamboo pulp, Paper, Matches, Rayon, Plywood, Tiles, Porcelein articles, Glassware are some of the products that can be easily and successfully manufactured. Weaving, Wood distillation, Fish and Fruit preservation too can be organised on a large scale. The people of the District are active and intelligent and possess remarkable technical skill and initiative. There is not the least doubt that given cheap electrical power and transport facilities, this District will witness a tremendous growth in industries. Agriculture too can be revolutionised and vast areas which are now lying fallow can be brought under the plough with the help of electrical power. The demand for power is bound to expand from day to day and may even outrun the supply.

We therefore submit that the difficulties put forth by officials of the Government cannot be allowed to stand in the way of our getting energy from the Jog Falls. It may be said that the Government are likely to take up Kalinadi Project and that we should wait till then. This project, if at all undertaken, will easily take nearly fifteen years and even then, the same difficulties can be put forward. The Kalinadi project too will be situated at the northern end of the district just as the Jog Falls are at the southern end and the cost of laying down transmission lines is bound to be equally heavy. Therefore to postpone our claim till the Kalinadi

project is completed is only a device to silence our voice now and ultimately to deny us our just claims.

Therefore, we urge that our claims should be recognised now. Our only hope for economic betterment lies in obtaining this energy. If this is denied to us, we shall be doomed to a life of unrelieved poverty, economic stagnation and progressive deterioration in every walk of life. All schemes of Rural uplift will end only in empty words. We are sure that your Government will not countenance such gross injustice being done to a District which has suffered so long from wilful neglect, a district which through its forests contributes heavily to the public revenues, a district which has always been to the fore in the fight for Freedom. Our people have made immense sacrifices and have earned the admiration of National leaders. We mention this fact, not with the object of asking for special treatment, but to urge that injustice should not be meted out to us. It is possible that the bigger districts are able to urge their claims with greater strength, because of their proximity to the seat of Government or because of the larger representation which they have in the legislature and government. Though poor and small in extent, our District should not be put in cold storage. Where the whole future development of nearly five lakhs of people is involved, a little extra cost should not be allowed to stand in the way. We need hardly point out, that if the Jog Falls energy is denied to us, the faith of the people will be rudely shaken and all their fond hopes of getting just and equitable treatment at the hands of the Government will be dashed to pieces.

We therefore beg of you, most humbly, to consider our request favourably and to direct that speedy steps be taken for making the Jog Falls energy available to the Kanara District in the first instance.

We beg to remain.
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,